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### Laws of the Lord.

Burdens for each other bear,
And thus Christ's law fulfill;
As you lend a helping hand,
Remember 'tis Christ's will;
When a wanderer here on earth,
He went round doing good;
Cured the lepers' loathsome spots,
And gave the hungry food.

He gave light to darkened eyes,
Gave back to friends their dead;
And he blessed the children, too,
In tenderest accents said:
Suffer the little children—
Forbid them not to come,
For such as these are gathered
Within my Father's home.

Love thy neighbor as thyself,
Love thine enemies, too;
Blessings on them that curse you,
Forgive those who wrong you,
For Christ has truly said:
The measure ye mete to me,
Thy God will one day measure
Back unto you again.

If thy brother is in fault,
In meekness him restore,
And in tender, faithful love
Go bid him sin no more.
Considering that thyself
May also tempted be,
As thy tempted brother fell,
So might have fallen ye.

Christ's law is one of kindness,
Is one of patient love,
A law we all must follow,
To reach that land above;
May we more obey the law
That gives us life and rest,
Till we all shall be with him,
In the home of all the blest.

JENNIE LEWIS.

### Things in General, Some Things in Particular.

Passing Away.—Our friends are passing away one by one. We meet, and spend a little while together, say good bye, and part. One of our friends in this city, who recently passed away, was Miss Annie Wilmer. We made her acquaintance soon after moving to the city. She became interested in the Sunday School and then in church work. She was full of energy and persevered in her work to help Christ in spite of all obstacles. We have good singing in our church, and it is through her direct efforts that such is the case, being a great music lover. She did not rest until she had a band of singers organized. She also had charge of the Progressive Gleaners, an organization of young people, who worked for the school and building fund. Rain or shine, she was at church, but a cold seized her and resulted in her death. We miss her in school and church, and her vacant chair cannot be filled in the home. We laid her away to await the resurrection morn.

'We shall sleep but not forever,
There will be a glorious dawn;
We shall meet to part no never,
On the resurrection morn.'

Our Home Work.—We are doing more than holding our own. An improvement and liquidating committee has been appointed, and they are already at work. The house is being painted and papered and two rooms are being erected for baptismal purposes, and from present appearances they will be needed soon, for there are some not far from the kingdom. Our night congregations are large and our prospects are good. The church is planted and it must grow. God may bury and remove his workers but his work will go on. The truth will develop, though for a time it may suffer from the ignorance of friends and the hate of enemies. Yet the germ will unfold, and under the shadow of the tree tired souls will find rest and hungry ones manna. Two came out last Sunday.

The Truth Shall Make You Free.—The truth of God was manifested in Christ, the truth of God and Christ was manifested in the Holy Ghost, the truth of God and Christ and Holy Ghost is now focused in the word, which, consequently, is perfect, converting the sinner and educating the saint. If then, the truth makes free—from the law, from sin, from its state, power and punishment, ought not the truth to be preached, regardless of consequences? Most certainly. Let it out; what if there are kickers. They kick against the pricks. 'Truth crushed to earth shall rise again, the eternal years of God are hers.' Let the preacher keep in mind the fact that it is his business to make men free by presenting the word, and if he refuse to present the truth or neglect to present it, he helps Satan keep men in bondage. True men are often served as the falcon was served by Sir Basil, (Story of Jesus, page 41). Yet the truth is mighty and it must prevail.

Put it over on the Babylonians.—If there is one thing some do not like, it is the truth. They can not bear it. If the preacher sets forth the truth they twist and turn, and if an illustration or incident fits them they not only twist and turn, but they talk, and then the sermon is not good, it is personal, it is not gospel, etc., etc. Every preacher who reads this knows how it is. I read of two preachers: one preached the truth, offended one of his thin skinned hearers, a man who had more ambition than religion; but he had conversions and built up the church. The other preacher spent his time in preaching about the sins of the Babylonians, never disturbed anybody, had a fashionable congregation, and grew solid—a solid lump of ice. Many men are satisfied when you preach about sinners in Babylon, but when you preach about sinners in Philadelphia or in your own congregation, alas! for the preacher.

Little Kink Factories.—When I read the proceedings of the Ohio State Convention I thought to myself, well, are we to multiply kink factories in place of being a standing protest against them. It looks very much like it. When one man, believing one thing, attempts to gag his brother because he believes different, he is not only attempting that which will cause us as a church to do our first work over, but which will push us on the breakers. The Brethren church of America, as I understand the object of her organization, is a protest against man-made ideas, and it is not the business of any state convention to say you must believe in these non-essential opinions and hairsplitting questions. If you are going to start a lot of little annual kink factories then count me out; I prefer the big one. They have about learned their lesson. Those who love power more than truth and have more ambition than religion have this lesson yet to learn, and I do not intend to have them practice on me. Not if I know it.

The True Object Lost Sight Of.—A man is overboard; two men are standing on the bank. In place of helping to save the man from being drowned, they are contending as to the best way of keeping him warm when he gets out. One man contends that cotton clothing would be the best, and the other man contends for woolen garments, and while the two men are contending about his clothing he is being drowned, a third man comes along, jumps overboard and saves the man. Men are overboard, being drowned in sin, and men in sight of them are offering resolutions and trying to make hair splitting arguments over that of which they are actually ignorant. They are contending about cotton and woolen garments, and men and women are being swept into ruin. Let the church be like the third man. SAVE! 'He that winneth souls is wise,' for the soul winner is like his Master who came to seek and save the lost. Let not Christ say of us: 'O fools and slow of heart.'

Keep the Nose of the Camel Out.—You remember the story of the camel who wanted to warm his nose in the ship and obtained permission; then he wanted his head and so on until he had his body in, then there was not room for him and the man also. 'Well,' said the camel, 'if there is not room enough for us both you get out.' It is the object of state conventions to devise ways and means by which practical work for Christ and his cause can be accomplished, and not to discuss nightcaps, nor knives and forks, nor to decide so-called theological questions and make some brethren take a back seat that others may get in front. State conventions are for the purpose of advertising Christ and not to warm the nose of Tom, Dick and Harry's pet theory, or theological inference. Do not be led from the main idea. There are breakers on both sides of the ship. Salvation depends on keeping in the gulf stream with Christ in the boat.

A Plan Needed.—I have been led to these remarks because I felt they are needed and because the time for state conventions is at hand. We need some practical plan by which preachers without churches and churches without preachers may be brought together. Here for instance is Bro. Christner without a charge. He ought to be in the active work, yet the weeks are going by and time is being wasted. He has had experience in the work and has built up more than one congregation. I have no doubt but that there are churches that would enjoy his preaching and flourish under his work. So there are other men, and we need some practical plan whereby all workers can be used, by which every church can have a preacher and every preacher a charge. It can be done. Other churches do it. We may have more gospel than some. It is certain we have less method than many others. To the work! To the work!!

Practical Phrenology.—You all know I believe in the science. I now believe in it more than ever. I have put its principles to the test and have not found them wanting one point. When in New York with my friends T. J. Fahrney and Elder Long, we called on Nelson Sizer, examiner in the office of Fowler & Wells, who gave me an examination, and advised me to stop drinking coffee. After quite a struggle I took his advice and have not touched it since. I have a better appetite, sleep better, and better able to work. I have done more hard work in the past two months than in any two months of my life and yet I weigh more, and feel better than I have for a long time. I told this in the pulpit one night, and a young lady told her sick father, who followed my plan and began to improve. Oh, there are lots of coffee topers in the world. Take my plan and stop it. I have some more things to tell you but I will wait until next week.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

### Trans Missouri Flashes.

We don't flash quiet as often as we used to. Perhaps somebody is glad of it.

The physical horizon seems to have caught on, and has become about as smoky and gloomy, as the spiritual. The atmosphere seems filled with smoke of late in this country.

We met our sick daughter, sister A. E. Lowery, at Kansas City last Sunday, Aug. 4th. Returned home with her yesterday Aug. 6th. This may hinder us from filling our regular apointment at Centerview, Mo., next Sunday. Our dear daughter is greatly afflicted. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people in her behalf.

In September our preaching engagement, so far as we know, close. Our Missionary Board should make an effort to continue preaching near us. The writer has done what he could, so have the few of our members living there. The small remuneration we get comes mostly from outsiders and members of other churches who have their own ministers to support. We had hoped that we would get some support from our Mission Board.

Thirty-four thousand gathered into the Christian (Cambellite) church in Missouri in three years by Missionary effort. That sounds like business. So says the report of State Evangelist Hoffman.

It strikes me pretty strongly as though Kan., Neb., and Mo. centralized pretty strongly into one little 'neck-o-the-words.' It is a pretty liberal neck we admit, but then, it has some advantages in that way.

Bro. Yoder, let us utilize some former convention work and then we can consistently push on for more. For more convention I mean.

We heard Sam Jones lecture recently on 'git there.' He got there sure enough, and said some plain things. Some squeald, and got there badly in giving themselves away. I guess S. J. became their enemy by telling them the truth. We got hit, and mean to 'get there' by reforming.

'Have courage my boy to say no.' Or yes when truth requires.

Some people seem to regard the Sullivan and Kilrain brute courage as the embodiment of manliness. To our mind it seems more like devlishness gone to seed.

If dudes, as Sam Jones says, are the 'principles of society,' what must they be when they get into the pulpit? God save the pulpit from them, and fill it with men of grace, grit and common sense.

If religion consists in crying and longfacedness, what will become of those who can neither cry nor lengthen their faces?

'Wo unto you that laugh now, for you shall weep.' God wants men to be governed by reason.

If you think young man that religion is only suitable for 'foggish' old grandpa or grandma, you just get a little more sense and you will think differently.

We saw a 'Hale fellow' on the train yesterday but as usual he was drunk.

Because 'God is love,' sin will be punished. Sinners would not be so much to blame if God was hatred instead of love.

Quit my brother to bother yourself so much about heaven and hell. Live right, and you will shun one and gain the other.

I believe we preachers would accomplish more real good if we would teach the people how to live rather than how to die. I hate death. He is an enemy. But thank God a correct—Christ-like—life will overcome him.

Judging by quotations we are forced to the conclusion that some preachers study the Doctors more than the Prophets and Apostles.

God bless you Bro. Editor for taking a stand against secret organization. I belive they have nearly led church and state to ruin. A little more and some of us can neither 'buy nor sell.'

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Montana, Kansas.

### Johnstown, Pa.

The following donations have been received for the repairing of the Johnstown church since my last report:

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| Mrs. Laura Slotter, O., | $4.00 |
| McKees church, Pa., | 12.00 |
| Lanark " Ill., | 9.00 |
| Total | $25.00 |

In last report you have one item Brethren church, Ill., $12.-00. This should be Bethlehem church, Ill., $12.00.

ALBERT TRENT,
Sec. Board of Trustees.